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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

General Grant is reported to be improving in strength. His book is completed.

The Washington correspondent of the Detroit Free Press says: "Congressman Fisher, of the Bay City District, is quietly urging forward appointments in his district and there is every promise now that the result of his labors will soon be made known."

If such men as Meade of Copley are disqualified from public service under a Democratic administration, Mr. Cleveland will have to look elsewhere than in the Democratic party in the South for men to fill the offices. *Washington, Mass., Advertiser, (Dem.)*

Gen. Longstreet, in his article on "The Seven Days" fighting about Richmond in the July Century, after discussing the Confederate leaders, says: "Without doubt the greatest man of rebellion times, the one matchless among forty millions for the peculiar difficulties of the period, was Abraham Lincoln."

Florence Marryat urges her fellow women to "sit on the men; they will be better and wiser for it; sit on them!" All right, Florence; we haven't much of a top and we lack experience, but for the honor of our sex we will accept the defiance in the name of oppressed man. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 2 a. m. Send along your best letter. *Burdette.*

If the Democratic organization, in the southern states depends for its perpetuation upon the encouragement of such methods as prevailed in Copiah county a few years ago—if it be true, as charged, that the Democratic leaders in those states have built up their party upon cornerstones of murder, terrorism and bribery—then that organization is doomed. *Washington Post, (Dem.)*

The Detroit Free Press, says: "It is figured that it will take 394 years to fill all the offices with democrats, taking the changes thus far as a basis. We presume most of the party are bound to wait." Let them wait, we can stand it, but we are not surprised, for competent material in that party is not very plentiful. They will have to revise the civil service rules, and lower the standard of qualification.

MacKin, one of the Chicago ballot-box stuffers, and a member of the Democratic committee, has been convicted of perjury in connection with the election frauds, the verdict fixing his sentence at 5 years' imprisonment. This is another warning to the rest of the gang of scoundrels who have been doing "fine work" for the Democratic party in that city. If ever men deserved state prison, the members of the Chicago Democratic gang deserve it. *Det. Post.*

The Democratic press is drumming the tune that the war is over, that the South was glad that it was whipped, that the Southern people are loyal to the Union, as these of the North, that to say anything about the condition of the negro is to wave the bloody shirt, and so on. The Ohio Republican platform takes as the true and patriotic ground that the attempt to disfranchise a class of voters is a matter of public concern. It pledges the Republicans of Ohio to a policy that will protect their rights. *Northern Tribune.*

The New York Evening Post is publishing some astonishing statistics of the loyal south during the war of the rebellion. It credits Delaware with having contributed to the union army about 75 per cent of her available military population, while Missouri sent 77 per cent, Maryland 49 per cent, and Kentucky 44 per cent. If this be true, there ought to be as many federal as confederate soldiers in those states, but President Cleveland can find none but ex-confederates in the south for appointment to office, and the people, or the democratic party in those states, can find nobody but ex-confederates to elect to office. Is the administration like its party at the south deserting against those who were true to the country. *Day City Tribune.*

The recent telegraphic accounts of the barbarities practiced on the convicts of the South Carolina state prison, read like pages from Stephen's "Russia Under the Tsars." Yet it is doubtless true that the prison system in most of the Southern states is conducted very much on the South Carolina plan. The cutting up of convicts at 3 o'clock in the morning and sending them to work five or six miles away, where they are kept at hard labor, and only allowed to get back to camp at 9 o'clock at night, is inhuman; but it is the result of the system of leasing the convicts for work outside the prison limits, and this in return is one of the results of the old system of slavery, the curse and blight of which still rest on Southern institutions. *Blade.*

Among the presidential appointments on last Wednesday was Wm. L. Cabell, a West Point graduate and captain in the United States army who resigned to join the Confederate army. While it is expected that confederates will get their share of the offices under a Democratic administration, and perhaps more than their share, the repeated appointments of men educated at the expense of the United States in West Point, who broke their oaths, deserted the flag, and resigned positions in the rebel army, and use the military skill taught them by the government in fighting against the government, and who have never repented thereof, cannot escape unfavorable comment by loyal citizens. *Detroit Post.*

The Washington Post, democratic organ, finds it necessary to protest against the star chamber methods of investigation and of preferring charges against clerks, and does so in the following vigorous fashion:

Things were managed thus by the council of ten when the life and honor of the noblest in the land were at the mercy of every anonymous assassin. Such methods flourished in the days of Torquemada—even later, when malice, tyranny, hatred and savagery nursed into evil life the letter de each. But civilization has long ago condemned them, and every fibre of a freeman's heart protests against their restoration. * * * The transfer of the government to the democracy can be effected without resorting to methods so unwholesome and abhorrent. * * * This practice of incriminating, prosecuting, and condemning republican officeholders, trying them without a hearing, and casting them out, branded with a nameless crime, is the most repulsive thing to which our politics has ever given birth. If persisted in it will disgust and alienate every manly soul, and it will bury its authors and contrivers fathoms deep in odium.

A Question of Rights.

It is generally admitted that what a man by labor produces is his against the world. He has a right to do as he pleases with it, providing he does not infringe the right of any other person. If a tailor makes a coat and a cobbler a pair of shoes, what business has government to interfere if they wish to exchange? Yet this is just what the tariff does to do. "It says to the tailor and the cobbler, 'Exchange if you will, but we shall show you for it.'"

Evening News. The tariff does nothing of the sort. This is one of the unprovoked free trade lies, kept in stock in the Cobden club and the mental attic, to be used on the slightest pretext. As a matter of fact the tariff says to the cobbler and the tailor: "Go ahead! make whatever exchange you choose and we stand here to keep outsiders off and give you fair play. We shall not let any great, lusty, hulking fellow, who has grown fat off the work of starved labor, come between you to rob one of you of a fair bargain and to cheat the other, and without restriction to force you both to accept the product of his starved labor instead of each other's products."

The tariff says further that this lusty foreign producer shall not interfere on the rights of the cobbler and the tailor, and that is in exact accord with the general principle our anti-labor-outside advances in the first sentence we have quoted and which it seeks to give a perverted application in its lame and contradictory illustration. It requires only a feeble ingenuity to make such an illustration—the sophisticated invention of impracticable theory. The cobbler and the tailor are not likely to be deceived however, by any argument that favors the abrogation of any arrangement by which they are protected in their right to trade and against the infringement of such right by an outside party. *Det. Journal.*

Gen. Logan in Boston.

A large number of prominent gentlemen, representing the bar, bench, pulpit, platform, counting room and council chamber, were in attendance at the reception given Monday night by the Norfolk club to Gen. John A. Logan, at the Parker House.

In his speech Gen. Logan referred to the debt which the west owes Massachusetts, and to the influence exerted by her. In nothing was this influence more clearly and permanently imprinted upon the nation than in the matter of education.

Speaking of "reforms" Gen. Logan said: "In my opinion, that reform which will guarantee personal rights will be of more advantage to the country than transferring the funds of the government from the sub-treasuries of the United States to banks."

Of civil service reform, he said: "It is the child of the republican party, but unfortunately has been put out to nurse with a stranger, and, if not dead now, looks sick unto death. The law is now being constructed to the effect that a person who voted the republican ticket of the last election committed a crime against the peace and dignity of the democratic party, an offense heretofore unknown; to law or politics, to wit: 'offensive partisanship.' Mr. chairman, an offensive partisan is a republican; an effective partisan is a democrat. He is to be appointed as a reward for his political zeal. His appointment will not improve the public service, I fancy, but

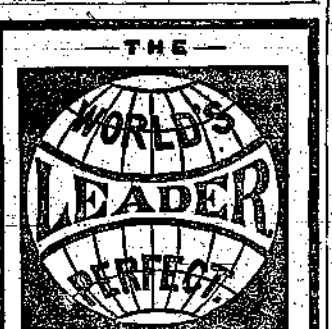
is made for partisan reasons only. Democrats have been diligently searching for 'rebels,' with a view of turning them out, as they should have been had they been found. Every time they have searched for a rebel they have found only an offensive partisan, and have instantly turned him out.

"The republican party has had undisputed leadership for the past 24 years. The principles announced and policies announced and maintained in its record of splendid achievements have challenged the admiration of the foremost men of the entire world. Such a party must lead; it cannot follow. Each party deserves, and must again achieve success. I have no fears for the future of the republican party. Its principles, knocking at the door of the conscience of the people, will regain admission."

Every week we secure new evidence of the worth of Northern Michigan becoming known. Our farmers have as fine crops of the leading products as can be expected—with the exception of corn, of which there is but little planted—from appearances. And now comes a tribute of praise in regard to quality of one of the products of Northern Michigan, by a commission merchant of Chicago, in the Tribune of that city. He says: "Old potatoes would have dropped out of the market three weeks ago, but for the shipments from Northern Michigan of Burbanks, Peachblows, Early Rose, Beauty of Hebron, in very fine condition." That is an accolade, coming as it does from one of the leading and most reliable

papers of the United States, that should flatter the heart of every farmer in Rosemount County, for it verifies his knowledge of the quality, par excellence, of his potatoes. He knows he can beat the 'old sod' in regard to quality, and when that is praised in a centre like Chicago, it is a safe conclusion to draw that Northern Michigan potatoes may soon have a world wide reputation. Continuing his conversation with the reporter, the commission merchant gives it as a fact that the country "around Traverse City will be the best potato-producing district in the United States, in the near future; and that enterprising Chicago capitalists have gone up there to establish potato-farms." We are in the tier of counties immediately south of Grand Traverse County, and but one county intervenes to the west, and it has a famous local reputation for the excellence of this product, we have good grounds on which to include Rosemount in the "best potato-growing district" of the future. *Ros. News.*

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